

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, and reconsideration of the Office Action dated May 18, 2005. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 5, 9, 12, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 42-48, and 51-54 will remain pending in this application. Claim 49 is canceled. No new matter is incorporated by this Amendment.

The sole outstanding rejection concerns claim 49 which has been canceled by this Amendment. Hence, the remaining rejection is moot.

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment and the above remarks obviate the outstanding rejection in this case, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 032301.230.

Respectfully submitted,

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